



State of the Town

February 12, 2010

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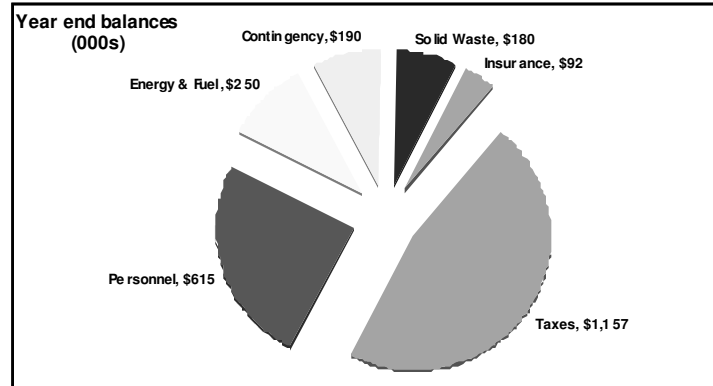
Acknowledgements

Thanks to:

- Newington Chamber of Commerce
- Newington Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools
- Newington High School
- NHS Culinary Class
- Town Staff



June 30, 2009 Audit Highlights Surplus Analysis - \$2.45 million



2009-2010 Fiscal Update





External Budget Factors



Budget projection Wednesday
Budget projection today



2010-2011 Challenges

- Employee benefit costs for medical up by 8% and retirement by 13%
- Grand List is up slightly
- Interest income is down; building permit and conveyance fees remain low
- Governor's budget for municipal aid is flat



2009 Grand List (000's)

CATEGORY	2008	2009	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE
REAL ESTATE	\$2,322,408	\$2,344,385	0.9%	\$21,977
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$128,951	128,801	-0.1%	-150
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$194,160	194,765	0.3%	605
TOTAL	\$2,645,519	\$2,667,951	0.8%	\$22,432



Town Council Objectives

- Minimize property tax increase
 - Control spending and find efficiencies
 - Encourage grand list growth
- Maintain quality services
- Promote economic development
- Enhance and repair infrastructure



2010-2011 Budget Challenges

- Current budget breakdown 2009-2010 - \$94,708,000
(Town -\$30.8m or 32%, BoE - \$57.5m or 61%, CIP \$6.3m or 7%)
- Medical insurance premium increase
Total increase \$795K (Town \$178K, BoE \$617K)
- Pension contribution increases
Total increase \$557K (Town \$400K, BoE \$157K)
- Board of Education requested increase
3.61% or \$2,078,802 (Total BoE request \$59,627,108)
- Salary increases for teachers
\$1,450,000 or 72% of BoE requested increase



Town Council Accomplishments

- 2009-2010: limited tax increase to 2.6%
(Budget growth: Town <.2%, BoE 3%)
- Downtown revitalization
- Senior Housing groundbreaking
- Single stream recycling
- Town Hall renovations
- Economic development – Cedar & Fenn



Downtown Revitalization



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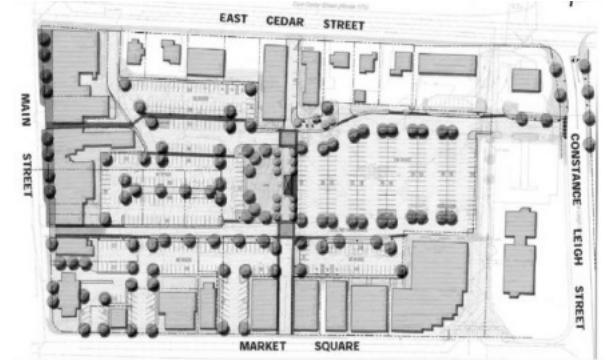




Downtown Revitalization



Constitution Square





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Phase I



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Green Area



New Meadow Senior Housing

Groundbreaking – October 2009





Single stream recycling

- New containers
- No need to sort
- More types of recyclables
- Less trash, lower costs



Town Hall Renovations



Cost \$1.2million



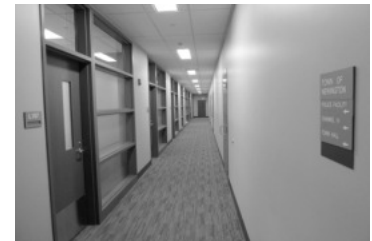
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Foyer before and after



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Hallway before and after



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NCTV Studio A



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New meeting room



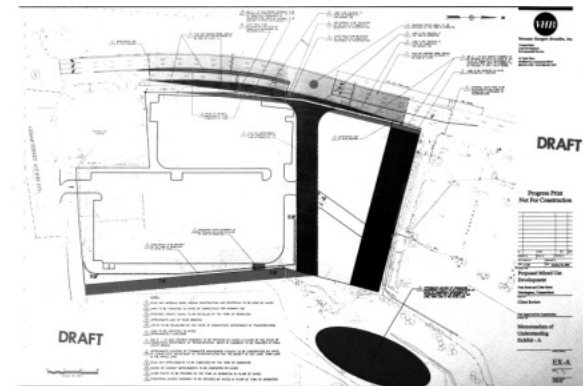
Economic Development Cedar Street & Fenn Road



National Welding Site



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Parks Improvements Playground Equipment



Beechwood Park



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Beacon Park



Road Resurfacing and Reconstruction



Candlewyck Drive repaving
19 roads completed in 2009



Paving Projects



Volunteer Field / Clem Lemire Athletic complex



Paving Projects



Company 2 lot



Roadway Improvements



Louis Street Traffic Signal



Other Initiatives

- Multitown Building Permit software acquisition
- Town and Board of Education telephone circuit audit
- Consolidation of street lighting contracts



Commercial Development



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Questions?

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